

MAY 31 PENTECOST

INCLUDED:

- 1 Flashlight
- 3 Colored Ribbons
- Tacky Glue (from previous craft)



USE YOUR OWN:

- Markers (optional)



ACTS 2:1-11



When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

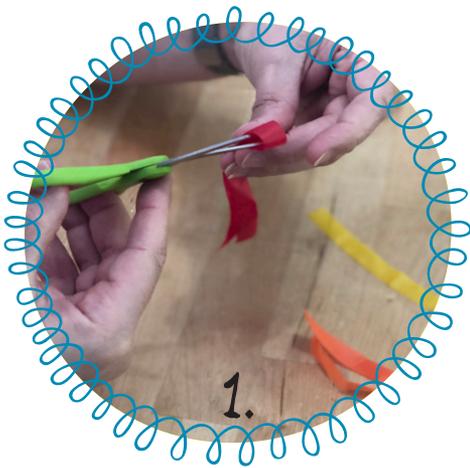
Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, “Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God.”

Discussion: He’s here! He’s here! We can tell that the Holy Spirit is here! The apostles have been waiting for 40 days. Jesus told them the Holy Spirit would come upon them, but they didn’t really know what it meant.

And wow! Tongues of fire appearing but not burning anything, driving wind, the ability to speak in different languages! The Holy Spirit still works in powerful ways our lives today. This isn’t a distant past story, but God is alive and active today!

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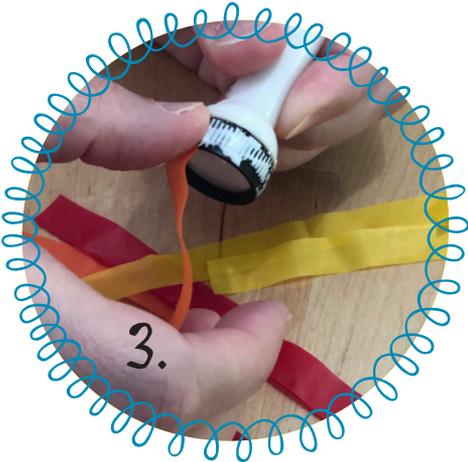
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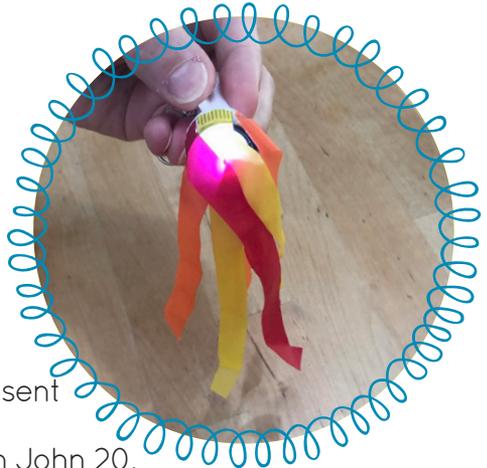
1. Cut the strips of colors each into two for the tongues of fire. You can make them the same size or different sizes.



2. Cover the black part of the flashlight with tacky glue. Optional - you can also decorate the body of the flashlight with permanent markers.



3. Attach the color strips around the light on the glue. When it is dry, you can turn the light on and wave it around to think about the fire that appeared with the Holy Spirit filling the apostles at Pentecost!



Discussion: In the Gospel today, Jesus also sends the Holy Spirit to the apostles. While they do not feel empowered, as they do at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was still sent to give them gifts and power only possible through the Holy Spirit. In John 20, Jesus says, **“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”** And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, **“Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained (John 20:21-23).”**